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OUR PRESENT SECURITY PROTECTION INCLUDES NINE MARINE SECURITY
GUARDS WITH DUTY POSTS AT THE CHANCERY AND USAID BUILDING;
THREE DOMINICAN POLICEMEN ASSIGNED AS MY BODYGUARDS; EIGHT
ARMED BODYGUARDS ASSIGNED TO PROTECT THE DCM, USAID DIRECTOR,
SENIOR OFFICERS, AND OTHER MISSION MEMBERS; AN UNARMED CON-
TRACT GUARD FORCE ASSIGNED TO POSTS AT OFFICIAL PREMISES;
THIRTEEN ARMED DOMINICAN POLICEMEN ASSIGNED AT THE CONSULATE;
AND THIRTY-ONE ARMED DOMINICAN POLICEMEN ASSIGNED VARIOUS
POSTS AT THE CHANCERY, JAO COMPOUND, USIS OFFICE, RESIDENCE,
MOTOR POOL, BI-NATIONAL CENTER, AND USAID BUILDING. AD-
DITIONALLY, THE MAAG COMPOUND IS PROTECTED BY DOMINICAN
MILITARY PERSONNEL. THE CHANCERY, RESIDENCE, JAO COMPOUND, AND
USAID BUILDING ARE LOCATED ADJACENT TO A LARGE COMPLEX OF
DOMINICAN GOVERNMENT BUILDINGS AND ARE TWO BLOCKS AWAY FROM THE
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POLICE HEADQUARTERS AND RECENTLY COMPLETED GOVERNMENT OFFICE

BUILDING. THE CONSULATE, SOME FOUR BLOCKS WEST OF THE CHANCERY, IS LESS THAN A HALF BLOCK FROM PRESIDENT'S RESIDENCE AND BARRACKS OF PRESIDENTIAL GUARD. THE MISSION THUS HAS OVERALL SECURITY POSTURE WHICH SEEMS SENSIBLE AND APPROPRIATE TO LOCAL CONDITIONS, THOUGH COMPLETE PROTECTION OF MISSION'S BUILDINGS, OFFICES AND PERSONNEL AGAINST ISOLATED, BOLD ATTACKS CANNOT BE ASSURED WITHOUT FORTRESS-TYPE MEASURES. IN LIGHT OF FOREGOING AND OF INSTRUCTIONS REFTEL, I HAVE REVIEWED MISSION'S SECURITY POSTURE WITH MY ADMINISTRATIVE AND SECURITY PERSONNEL TO DETERMINE WHAT FURTHER MEASURES MIGHT REASONABLY BE TAKEN TO STRENGTHEN OUR DETERRENTS AND DEFENSE AGAINST TERRORIST ATTACK. FROM THIS REVIEW HAVE EMERGED THE FOLLOWING RECOMMENDATIONS WHICH I SUBMIT FOR DEPARTMENT'S APPROVAL:

A. CHANCERY

1. INSTALL STEEL ROLL-DOWN DOOR AT FRONT ENTRANCE TO PROVIDE RAPID METHOD OF SECURING THIS ENTRANCE. ESTIMATED COST OF THIS ENTIRE PROJECT IS \$3,800. AND WOULD INCLUDE BOTH DC ELECTRIC AND MANUAL RELEASE OPERATION.

2. INSTALL A SOLID, DECORATIVE WOOD DOOR IN THE HALLWAY LEADING TO THE EXECUTIVE SUITE. THIS DOOR WOULD BE UTILIZED AT ALL TIMES AND BE FITTED WITH A SIMPLE MECHANICAL CYPHER LOCK IN CONJUNCTION WITH AN ELECTRIC RELEASE LATCH. THE INTERIOR SIDE WOULD HAVE ADDITIONAL SECURITY THROW BOLTS FOR ADDED PROTECTION AS REQUIRED. ESTIMATED COST IS \$800.00.

3. ADDITIONAL MINOR NON-TERRORIST REVISIONS FOR THE CHANCERY WILL BE INCLUDED IN THE FORTHCOMING SECURITY SURVEY.

B. CONSULATE

1. INSTALL SEVEN ELECTRICALLY CHARGED BATTERY-OPERATED EMERGENCY LIGHT UNITS AT STRATEGIC POINTS THROUGHOUT THE CONSULATE. THIS WILL PERMIT A GREATER DEGREE OF PERSONNEL SAFETY IN THE EVENT OF OFTEN OCCURRING ELECTRICAL FAILURE OR TERRORIST ACTIVITY, PRIOR TO GENERATOR OPERATION. COST IS ESTIMATED AT \$325 PER UNIT WITH A TOTAL COST OF \$2275.

2. INSTALL A ROLL-DOWN GRILL, ELECTRICALLY AND MANUALLY OPERATED OVER THE FRONT ENTRANCE GLASS WINDOWS AND DOORS. LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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THIS CURRENTLY UNPROTECTED AREA WOULD THEN PROVIDE THE ADDED SECURITY NECESSARY TO PREVENT ENTRY AFTER HOURS AND DURING TIMES OF POTENTIAL RIOT OR TERRORIST ACTIVITY. ESTIMATED COST IS \$7500.

3. TERRORISM ITEMS AS SET FORTH IN THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE CONSULATE SECURITY SURVEY, SANTO DOMINGO A71 DATED JULY 1, 1975 INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING:

A. INSTALL FOUR, TWO-PART SOLID WOODEN DOORS

ON THE NIV INTERVIEW WINDOWNS, SECURED
WITH SECURITY DEAD-BOLTS. ESTIMATED COST IS \$425.

B. REPLACE THE EXTERIOR GLASS DOOR BETWEEN
THE NIV WAITING LINE AND THE NIV WAITING
ROOM WITH A SOLID WOODEN DOOR, AFFIXED
WITH AN ADEQUATE SECURITY LOCK. ESTIMATED COST IS \$250.

C. AFFIX STEEL SHEETS ON THE INSIDE OF THE FOUR
WOODEN PANELED FIRE ESCAPE DOORS. ESTIMATED COST IS \$250.

D. FURTHER PROTECT EXTERIOR ACCESS TO THE EMERGENCY
GENERATOR THROUGH THE INSTALLATION OF EXPANDED
STEEL MESH OVER THE AIR INTAKES AND RADIATOR.
ESTIMATED COST IS \$500.

E. INSTALL SUITABLE GRILLWORK ADJACENT TO THE FIRE ESCAPE
ON THE SECOND FLOOR TO PREVENT ACCESS TO NEARBY
WINDOWS. ESTIMATED COST IS \$400.
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